

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Case Number: 5:09-CR-00065-003

V.

USM Number: 08652-088

Defendant's Attorney: J. Steven Hunter

RICKY NICHOLS

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

THE DEFENDANT :

- ☒ pleaded guilty to Count One of a single-count Information.
- ☐ pleaded nolo contendere to count(s)_____ which was accepted by the court.
- ☐ was found guilty on count(s) _____after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:


Title & Section	Nature of Offense	Offense Ended	Count
18 U.S.C. § 371	conspiracy to damage railroad property	08/28/2005	One of an Information

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 6 of this judgment.

- ☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s)_____.
- ☒ Counts One & Two of the Indictment are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ORDERED that the defendant must notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and the United States Attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

Date of Imposition of Judgment: January 28, 2010
Date Signed: February 5, 2010


IRENE C. BERGER, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of **60 months. The defendant shall be given credit for time served as appropriately calculated by the Bureau of Prisons.**

- X The court **RECOMMENDS** the following to the Bureau of Prisons: **The Court recommends that the defendant be placed in a facility that can provide adequate medical care for his medical conditions.**
- X The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.
- ☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district by 1:00 p.m. on _____.
- ☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district as notified by the United States Marshal.
- ☐ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons by 1:00 p.m. on _____.
- ☐ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons as notified by the United States Marshal.
- ☐ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered _____ to _____
a _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

United States Marshal

By _____
Deputy United States Marshal

SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of **3 years**.

The defendant must report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state or local crime.

The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.

Check if applicable:

- ☐ The above drug testing condition is suspended based on the court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse.
- ☒ The defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon.
- ☒ The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer.
- ☐ The defendant shall register with the state sex offender registration agency in the state where the defendant resides, works, or is a student, as directed by the probation officer.
- ☐ The defendant shall participate in an approved program for domestic violence.

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution, it is a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments page of this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any additional conditions on the attached page.

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

- 1) the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- 2) the defendant shall report to the probation officer and shall submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five days of each month;
- 3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- 4) the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- 5) the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptance reasons;
- 6) the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- 8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- 10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement or act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court; and
- 13) as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

ADDITIONAL STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

While on supervised release, the defendant must not commit another federal, state, or local crime, must not possess a firearm or other dangerous device, and must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant must also comply with the standard terms and conditions of supervised release as recommended by the United States Sentencing Commission and as adopted by the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, including the special condition that the defendant shall participate in a program of testing, counseling, and treatment for drug and alcohol abuse as directed by the probation officer, until such time as the defendant is released from the program by the probation officer.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

In addition, the defendant shall comply with the following special conditions of supervised release:

- 1) As part of the sentence, the defendant has been ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$398,071.00. Monthly payment toward this obligation as set forth herein shall be a special condition of the defendant's supervised release;
- 2) The defendant shall be prohibited from incurring new credit charges or opening additional lines of credit without approval of the probation officer;
- 3) The defendant shall provide the probation officer access to any requested financial information; and
- 4) The defendant shall apply all monies received from income tax refunds, lottery winnings, judgments, and/or any other anticipated or unexpected financial gains to the court-ordered financial obligations..

CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties as set out on the Schedule of Payments page.

	Assessment	Fine	Restitution
TOTALS:	\$100	\$0	\$398,071

- ☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until _____. An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case* will be entered after such determination.
- ☐ The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

Name of Payee	Total Loss*	Restitution Ordered	Priority or Percentage
Norfolk Southern Corporation Attention: Treasurer 110 Franklin Road, Box 54 Roanoke, VA 24042-0054 Re: RIN 91330; NEC 990; Function 8000; SC 003; Report #2005-001474	\$398,071	\$398,071	
TOTALS:	\$398,071	\$398,071	

- X Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement **\$398,071**
- ☐ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3612(f). All of the payment options on Page 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).
- ☐ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that the interest requirement is waived for the fine.
- X The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that the interest requirement is waived for the restitution.
- ☐ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that the interest requirement for the fine is modified as follows:
- ☐ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that the interest requirement for the restitution is modified as follows:

*Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties are due as follows:

- ☐ Lump sum payment of \$_____ due immediately, balance due no later than _____.
- X Lump sum payment of **\$100** due immediately, balance due as set forth below:
- X Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties: **The defendant shall pay the \$100 special assessment while incarcerated through participation in the Bureau of Prisons Inmate Financial Responsibility Program. The defendant shall pay the \$398,071 restitution during his term of supervised release in monthly installments of \$200 each, with the first payment becoming due 30 days after the defendant's release from custody. The defendant shall make the payments to the Clerk, United States District Court, P. O. Box 5009, Beckley, WV 25801, for disbursement to the victim.**

Unless the court expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

- X Joint and Several
Defendant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (including defendant number), Total Amount, Joint and Several Amount, and corresponding payee, if appropriate: **The entire restitution amount, \$398,071, is owed jointly and severally by the three defendants in this case: Thomas Browning 5:09-cr-65-01, Landon Cline 5:09-cr-65-02, and Ricky Nichols 5:09-cr-65-3.**
- ☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- ☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
- ☐ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.